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## FIRST DOMESTIC BRICK PRESS GOES INTO OPERATION

MAKES 32,000 BRICKS IN 8 HOURS -- Borba, No 92, 18 Apr 50

Belgrade, 17 April -- Yesterday Yugoslavia's first domestic brick press, in the "Trudbenik" Brick and Tile Factory in Belgrade, began operation. The new press, when operated by 24 workers, produces 32,000 bricks in 8 hours. By this method, production is three times as great as before, when bricks are made by hand. The quality of the new bricks is 30 to 40 percent better than the quality of handmade bricks.

The new production method permits the employment of women to the extent of 50 percent of the labor force. By the end of this month, nine of these presses will be put into operation, and 25 more will be ready in May. These presses are being installed in the "Trudbenik" and Makedonija" Factories in Belgrade and in the "Dunav" Factory in Zemun.

The machinery for the presses is being produced by the following: the "Ivo Lola Ribar" Factory, the municipal Electrical Machinery Enterprise in Belgrade, the "Iskra" Foundry, the "David Pajic" Metal Framework Factory in Belgrade, the "Aleksandar Rankovic" Metal Enterprise in Zemun, the foundry of the "Dalit" Machine Factory in Daruvar, the foundry of the "Sila" Machine Factory in Zagreb, and the foundries in Zenica and Gustanj.

The electric motors will be produced by the "Rade Koncar" Factory in Zagreb and by the "Sever" Factory in Subotica.

METAL FACTORY TO MAKE BRICK PRESSES -- Borba, No 115, 15 May 50

Skoplje, 14 May -- This year the "Tito" Metal Factory began the construction of presses for the production of bricks. One of the brick presses weighs 9.5 tons and can produce 2,000 to 2,500 bricks per hour, and thus can replace 60 workers. During April, the factory produced two such presses.

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The factory will soon begin the production of presses invented by Delev. This type of press has a very large production capacity and can press bricks made of dry earth which can be baked immediately. The press is light and can be set up at the site, so that the production of bricks will be speeded up considerably.

NEW BRICK FACTORY COMPLETED IN RIJEKA -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 121, 23 May 50

A new brick factory was recently completed in the vicinity of Rijeka. The factory, which will produce 400,000 bricks per month will be in full operation in June. Most of Rijeka's future needs for bricks will be satisfied by the new factory.

NEW PLANT MAKES PARTS FOR PREFABRICATED HOUSES -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 105, 4 May 50; No 106, 5 May 50

At the end of 1949, the large "Standardbeton" (Standard Concrete) Concrete Products Factory /near Belgrade/ was completed. It is producing parts for prefabricated houses. This factory will cover this year's needs for the construction of 700 prefabricated houses in Cukarica and Karaburma, both near Belgrade.

The new prefabricated houses factory in Zavidovici in Bosnia produced 15 two-family houses in February, which was its first month of production. In March, it produced 30 houses; in April, 50 houses.

Production is still rising, and the half-year plan is expected to be fulfilled before the deadline.

MORE LIME PRODUCED IN TITOV VELES -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 106, 5 May 50

During the first year of the Five-Year Plan, a lime factory was built in Titov Veles, Macedonia. The daily production of its furnaces was 30 tons of lime.

At the end of 1949, two additional furnaces were installed in the factory. With the operation of these furnaces, the daily production of lime is expected to be 60 tons. The foundations of two additional furnaces have already been constructed. By Republic Day \( \begin{align\*} \frac{7}{29} \end{align\*} \) November, the factory's daily production of lime will be increased to 90 tons.

A porcelain factory is also being built in Titov Veles.

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